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Recovery Task Force Applauds 11 California Transit Operators for Securing \$170 Million in Recovery Funds

California Recovery Task Force Director Cynthia Bryant issued the statement below after the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration approved and obligated over \$170 million in grant funding to 11 California transit operators. The grant awards will be provided by the federal government directly to the transit operators in California.

"The Schwarzenegger Administration is working around the clock to pump Recovery funding into the California economy quickly, effectively and responsibly – and we congratulate these local transit agencies for their efforts in successfully securing funding for their local economies," said Cynthia Bryant, Director of the California Recovery Task Force. "As we know from the bond funds championed by Governor Schwarzenegger, investing in California's infrastructure stimulates our economy and supports long-term economic growth, while also reducing traffic congestion and improving our quality of life."

Grants for ten California transit operators come from the Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula (Transit Capital Assistance) Program and one from the Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investments (Transit Capital Assistance) Program. The federally approved and obligated Recovery Act grants will be provided by the federal government directly to the transit operators in California, and include:

- The **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority** was granted \$66,740,000 in Section 5309 funds for design and construction of the Eastside Light Rail Extension from Union Station to Atlantic via 1st St. to Lorena, then 3rd St. via 3rd/Beverly Blvd. to Atlantic.
- The **Victor Valley Transit Authority** was granted \$3,413,070 in Section 5307 for construction of a new administration and maintenance facility.



- The **City of Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines** was granted \$14,266,151 in Section 5307 funds for the replacement of ten 30 foot, two 40 foot and three 60 foot articulated alternative buses and 83 bus shelters.
- The **Orange County Transportation Authority** was granted \$76,802,235 in Section 5307 funds for performing preventive maintenance, maintenance facility upgrades and safety improvements.
- The **City of Davis** was granted \$3,917,374 in Section 5307 funds for the replacement of nine - 40 foot buses.
- The **City of San Luis Obispo** was granted \$1,023,660 in Section 5307 funds for transit passenger internet access, preventive maintenance, farebox upgrades and facility improvements.
- The **Riverside Transit Agency** was granted \$17,465,036 in Section 5307 funds for ADA operating assistance, preventive maintenance, transit enhancements and debt service payment for 55 CNG buses.
- The **City of Benicia** was granted \$132,000 in Section 5307 funds for the replacement of 12 bus shelters and upgrading the current fueling station.
- The **City of Turlock** was granted \$1,559,585 in Section 5307 funds for the construction of the Turlock Transfer Facility.
- The **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority** was granted \$47,504,684 in Section 5307 funds for the purchase of five 40 foot hybrid replacement buses and the construction of ADA bus stop improvements.
- The **City of Santa Rosa** was granted \$4,289,133 in Section 5307 funds for upgrades to their paratransit services, performing preventive maintenance, upgrades to solar bus shelters and partial funding for a 40 foot hybrid electric bus.

Recovery Act funding is designated for federally defined purposes. California is expected to receive nearly \$2.6 billion from the Recovery Act for highways and local streets, and \$1 billion for transit projects. Competitive programs within the Recovery Act could also provide approximately \$300 million in additional funding in this area. Additionally, California expects to be very competitive in securing a portion of \$8 billion Recovery Act funding federally designated for high-speed rail and intercity rail.